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SUBJECT: INITIAL REACTION TO STATE OF EMERGENCY PROCLAMATION

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1. ADDIS HAS REMAINED QUIET DESPITE SNOWBALLING WORK
STOPPAGES WHICH NOW AFFECTING STORES OF COMPANIES, PLANTS,
PRINTING PREES, INSURANCE COMPANIES, ETC. IN ADDIS AREA.

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2. ESSENTIAL PUBLIC UTILITIES CONTINUE TO FUNCTION, HOW-

EVER.

3. FEW WORKERS ARE ON THE STREETS AND MOST HAVE HEADED HOME. FEW CONVERSATIONS WE HAVE HAD WITH ETHIOPIAN CONTACTS LEAVE IMPRESSION THEY ARE SHOCKED AND CONCERNED OVER SWEEPING NATURE OF EMERGENCY PROCLAMATION AND WIDE LATITUDE APPARENTLY GIVEN SECURITY FORCES: "YOU CAN BE ARRESTED FOR JUST WALKING DOWN THE STREET IF THEY DON'T LIKE THE CUT OF YOUR JIB."

4. OPINION THESE RESPONDENTS IS DIVIDED ON WHETHER THIS THREATENING SUMMONS TO RETURN TO WORK WILL HAVE EFFECT DESIRED BY DIRG. SOME BELIEVE THAT IT WILL; OTHERS THINK THAT IT MORE LIKELY TO INDUCE ALREADY FRIGHTENED CITIZENRY TO REMAIN AT HOME TOMORROW.

5. THESE SEEMS CONSIDERABLE AGREEMENT, HOWEVER, THAT SIZE OF WORK FORCE WHICH WILL REPORT FOR WORK TOMORROW MORNING WILL PROVIDE FIRST REAL INDICATOR OF TURN EVENTS LIKELY TO TAKE.
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